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C O N F I D E N T I A L TANANARIVE 0405

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SECURITY RESTRICTIONS CONTINUE IN TANANARIVE

REF: TANANARIVE 0369

1. MINOR MODIFICATIONS TO GOMR SECURITY REGULATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE BUT IN GENERAL MILITARY DIRECTORY OBVIOUSLY REMAINS NERVOUS CONCERNING TRAVEL AND COMMUNICATIONS TO AND FROM MALAGASY CAPITAL.

2. EMBASSY HAS BEEN ABLE - SPORADICALLY - TO USE LOCAL TELEX FOR PAST TWO DAYS TO RECEIVE INCOMING CABLES IN ENGLISH. SOME LOCAL BUSINESSMEN NOW HAVE TELEX SERVICE BUT FRENCH TRANSLATION MUST ACCOMPANY ENGLISH TEXT. INTERNATIONAL TELEPHONE CALLS IN ENGLISH NOW PERMITTED ALSO. REGULAR EMBASSY AND NASA COMMUNICATIONS REMAIN CUT, HOWEVER.

3. INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC TRAVEL STILL CLOSELY CONTROLLED BY MILITARY DIRECTORY. PERMISSION TO FLY TO REUNION ON AIR MADAGASCAR REQUIRES MILITARY DIRECTORY APPROVAL. EMBASSY HAS ATTEMPTED WITHOUT SUCCESS TO GET PERMISSION FOR AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN TO USE THIS FLIGHT. IN ATTEMPTING TO  
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ARRANGE SPECIAL EASTER VACATION FLIGHT FOR AMERICAN

STUDENTS FROM FORT DAUPHIN TO TANANARIVE, NASA HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT INTERNAL TRAVEL PERMITS WILL BE NECESSARY. EMBASSY IS CHECKING ON THIS NEW REQUIREMENT.

4. LOCAL PRESS REPORTS CONTINUE TO STRESS NEED FOR VIGILANCE; NOTING THAT SOME 1320 ESCAPED PRISONERS REMAIN AT LARGE, CONDEMNING RUMORMONGERS, AND CAUTIONING YOUTH NOT TO FALL PREY TO INTOXICATING IDEAS. DUSK TO DAWN CURFEW, ROADBLOCKS, AND HIGH MILITARY VISIBILITY PERSIST.

5. GOMR'S STRIDENT PRICE CONTROLS PLUS CURTAILED WORKING HOURS FOR SHOPS ARE CREATING FURTHER SHORTAGES AND IRRITATIONS FOR MALAGASY AND FOREIGN CONSUMERS.

6. OVERALL, RESTRICTIONS, LACK OF INFORMATION, AND SHORTAGES ARE PRODUCING GENERAL CLIMATE OF FRUSTRATION FOR TANANARIVE POPULATION BUT PRESENT SITUATION IS NOT LIKELY TO PRODUCE CIVIL UNREST.  
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